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SERIAL NO: New Application EXAMINER: Unassigned FILED: Herewith FOR: SHEET CASSETTE, SHEET FEEDING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS REQUEST FOR PRIORITY COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313 SIR: ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120. ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below. In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority: **COUNTRY** APPLICATION NUMBER **MONTH/DAY/YEAR** Japan 2003-094910 March 31, 2003 Japan 2004-024804 January 30, 2004 Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s) are submitted herewith will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304. ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s) are submitted herewith will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee Respectfully Submitted, OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C. Gregory J. Maier Customer Number Registration No. 25,599

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